

30743. COLOCASIA sp.**Dasheen.**

From Mukden, Manchuria. The region of production not exactly known, but said to be in the northern part of Chihli Province, China. Procured by Mr. Edward C. Parker, agriculturist, Bureau of Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce. Received May 3, 1911.

"*Taro*. Chinese name *Yu to*." (Parker.)

"The tubers received were small and resembled those of the Japanese dasheens. They are mucilaginous and lacking in flavor when cooked. The tubers are nonacidic even when uncooked." (R. A. Young.)

30744 to 30748.

From Wulukai, 20 miles north of Kirin, the capital of Kirin Province, Manchuria, 44° north latitude. Procured by Mr. Edward C. Parker, agriculturist, Bureau of Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce, Mukden, Manchuria. Received May 3, 1911.

Seeds of the following; quoted notes by Mr. Parker:

"Wulukai is the center of one of the most famous and fertile soil areas of north Manchuria. The climate is one of great extremes, temperatures ranging from 42° below zero Fahrenheit to 96° above zero. Killing frosts occur occasionally as late as May 10 and may reoccur after September 20. This district is said to have been partially settled for 75 years and the varieties of beans are reputed to be of the same age."

30744 to 30747. GLYCINE HISPIDA (Moench) Maxim.**Soy bean.**

30744. "Black-eyebrow soy bean. Chinese name *Hei mei tou*. This variety is classified by the Chinese as being medium late in date of maturity."

30745. Yellow. "White-eyebrow soy bean. Chinese name *Pei mei tou*. This variety is classified by the Chinese as being late in the date of maturity."

30746. Yellow. "Compact, round soy bean. Chinese name *Chin yuan tou*. This variety is classified by the Chinese as being late in date of maturity."

30747. "Big black soy bean. Chinese name *Tah hei tou*. This variety is classified by the Chinese as being very early in date of maturity. It is used principally as a feed for work horses and mules, also for bean curd and for oil production."

30748. PHASEOLUS RADIATUS L.**Mung bean.**

"Small green food bean. Chinese name *Hsiao liu tou*. Classified by the Chinese as being medium late in date of maturity. This variety is doubtless from the same stock as No. 28053. It is grown everywhere in Manchuria for human food, being boiled with kowliang or millet and also ground into meal, mixed with kowliang meal and made into vermicelli."

30749. IPOMOEA BATATAS (L.) Poir.**Sweet potato.**

From Auckland, New Zealand. Presented by Arthur Yates & Co. Received May 4, 1911.

"The New Zealand kumara has been chiefly grown by our native race, the Maori, and consequently any varieties which may have been distinct in the first place have long since become crossed so that it is now impossible to obtain separate sorts. The tubers sent are of the kumara which is known here as the New Zealand red-skinned kumara. This is a New Zealand variety which is in common use here." (Yates & Co.)